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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action dated October 28, 2004, the Examiner required the Applicant to restrict prosecution of the application to one of a perceived three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically, the Office Action states that Applicant must choose one of the following species to prosecute in the above application:

- Species I of Figs. 1-11;
- Species II of Fig. 3A; and
- Species III of Figs. 12-23.

In response to this requirement, Applicant elects Species III, the species of Figs. 12-23, for prosecution in this application. Claims 1-12 read on Species III and are thus elected for prosecution in this application. Applicant notes that it does not believe that the identified

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Species II should have been separated from the identified Species I for examination purposes but believes the issue to be moot in view of the election made.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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